

CLAIMS:

1. A hospital bed comprising:
 - a frame;
 - a plurality of casters supporting the frame;
 - 5 a patient support surface coupled to the frame, the patient support surface having a first end, a second end, and opposing first and second sides each extending between the first end and the second end;
 - a first handle positioned adjacent the first end and the first side of the patient support surface;
 - 10 a first grip portion coupled to the first handle;
 - a second handle positioned adjacent the first end and the second side of the patient support surface;
 - a second grip portion coupled to the second handle;
 - a first coupler configured to operably couple the first handle to the
 - 15 frame such that the first grip portion is positioned to permit a caregiver to apply a moving force to the frame;
 - a second coupler configured to operably couple the second handle to the frame such that the second grip portion is positioned to permit a caregiver to apply a moving force to the frame; and
 - 20 an accessory coupled to the first handle.
2. The hospital bed of claim 1, wherein the first handle includes an outer telescoping member and the accessory includes an inner telescoping member which is movable relative to the outer telescoping member to adjust a position of the inner telescoping member relative to the first handle.

3. The hospital bed of claim 1, wherein the first grip portion is supported for sliding movement relative to the first handle.

4. The hospital bed of claim 3, further comprising a stop coupled to the outer telescoping member, the stop defining a limit for movement of the grip portion.

5 5. The hospital bed of claim 1, further comprising a body coupled to the first handle, the coupler being configured to couple the body to the frame for pivotable movement about an axis of rotation, and further comprising a latch configured to lock the body selectively in one of a plurality of different positions relative to the frame.

10 6. The hospital bed of claim 5, wherein the first coupler includes a clutch configured to couple the body to the frame, the clutch being configured to hold the body in a desired position with respect to the frame and permit movement of the body relative to the frame when a predetermined force is applied to the body.

15 7. The hospital bed of claim 1, wherein the accessory comprises an IV pole.

8. The hospital bed of claim 7, further comprising an infusion pump coupled to the IV pole.

20 9. The hospital bed of claim 1, wherein the accessory comprises an oxygen tank holder including a coupler and an oxygen tank support coupled to the coupler, the oxygen tank support being configured to receive and support an oxygen tank.

25 10. An apparatus for use with a patient support, the apparatus comprising:
a first handle positioned adjacent an end of the patient support;
a second handle positioned adjacent the end of the patient support in laterally spaced relation to the first handle;

a first coupler configured to couple the first handle to the patient support such that the first handle is supported for pivoting movement about a vertical first axis of rotation to permit a caregiver to apply a moving force to the patient support;

5 a second coupler configured to couple the second handle to the patient support such that the second grip portion is supported for pivoting movement about a vertical second axis of rotation to permit a caregiver to apply a moving force to the patient support; and

an accessory pole coupled to the first handle.

10 11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the first handle includes an outer telescoping member and the accessory pole includes an inner telescoping member which is movable relative to the outer telescoping member to adjust a position of the inner telescoping member relative to the first handle.

15 12. The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising a first grip portion supported for movement along the first handle, and a second grip portion supported for movement along the second handle.

20 13. The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising a first stop coupled to the first handle, the first grip portion being movable between the first stop and the patient support, and a second stop coupled to the second handle, the second grip portion being movable between the second stop and the patient support.

25 14. The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising a first body coupled to the first handle, the first coupler being configured to couple the first body to the patient support for pivotable movement about the first axis of rotation, and a first latch configured to lock the first body selectively in one of a plurality of different positions relative to the patient support.

15. The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a second body coupled to the second handle, the second coupler being configured to couple the second body to the patient support for pivotable movement about the second axis of rotation, and a second latch configured to lock the second body selectively in one of a plurality of different positions relative to the patient support.

16. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the first coupler includes a clutch configured to couple the first body to the patient support, the clutch being configured to hold the first body in a desired position with respect to the patient support and permit movement of the first body relative to the patient support when a predetermined force is applied to the first body.

17. An apparatus for use with a patient support, the apparatus comprising:
a push handle;
a grip portion operably coupled to the push handle and configured to move relative to the push handle; and
a coupler configured to couple the push handle to the patient support.

18. The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a stop coupled to the push handle, the grip portion being movable between the stop and the patient support.

19. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the grip portion concentrically receives the push handle and is configured for substantially vertical movement and for rotational movement around the push handle.

20. The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising an accessory coupled to the push handle.